1918, Daily Average, 98,781; Sunday, 70,916.

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KAISER IS STAKING ALL ON ARMIES IN THE WEST NOW READY FOR DRIVE Congress Likely to Amend Bill

Hindenburg and Ludendorff Expected to Hurl Vast Forces Forward Against Allies Any Moment.

WILL RELY ON SURPRISE ATTACKS, TANKS AND STRANGE NEW GAS of enterprises engaged in or collateral

Optimism of Teutonic Command Not Shared by Men-Nervous generally it is classed as one of the Expectancy at High Pitch-Coming Battles Will Be Sanguinary.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, February associate members of the corporation 19.—The great German offensive on the western front may be expected to begin at any moment now, and as far as the British front these officers shall be appointed by the is concerned the main thrust will be made on the sector between

Tanks and "a new, mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in the attempt to break through the allied line. Other attacks will be delivered farther south. These facts have become brown tacks will be delivered farther south. These facts have become known through captured German prisoners and from information gleaned in other ways.

The plans of the German higher command are complete, and, after many weeks of intensive training of assaulting troops, they are also to make the supersone and final effort which has been adverted.

the German troops are frankly skeptical, and are undertaking their task with no enthusiasm, according to prisoners. They feel they are going to be thrown into battle to be used as cannon fodder and do not relish the

prospect.
It is said Gen. von Ludendorff recently addressed a body of infantry at Laon and asked how many men were willing to fight to a finish. Only five non-commissioned officers and privates stepped forward. The others declared their desire for an early peace by "ar-rangement."

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German officers, on the other hand, appear to have the conviction they will be able to break through by means of their secret attacks.

Gen. von Hutier, who is reputed to have laid the plans for the capture of Riga, has come to the western front to assist in the preparation. The lessons of the capture of Riga have been preached religiously to the German troops. It has been pointed out that there a preliminary bombardment of four or five hours to cut the enemy wire and demolish defenses was sufficient to give the Germans a firm footing in the Russian positions. The enemy troops have not been told, however, that the morale of the Russians at Riga was very low and that the German attack was a complete surprise.

Allied Morale High.

Germans will find the allied morale at the hishest pitch in the western front and their attack will be far from the surprise desired. The allies are ready for a big blow and await with assurance the next move of the German high command. high command.

The German attack cannot be delayed Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant reports from the frontier that thirty thousand

longer. Information points to the fact both German civilians and soldiers are keyed up to such a pitch of nervous expectancy that the strain cannot endure for long. They are waiting for the attack with feverish hope that the high command can this time make good its promise. The German troops are expected to fight well.

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The coming battles will perhaps be the most sanguinary of the war and they will be the most intense yet seen. But they will mark the beginning of the end, for if the Germans do not break clear through the allied line—and they cannot—they virtually will be finished. The emperor is putting every ounce of strength into this great gamble and if it fails in the early stages it means the end of Prussian militarism. The allied forces have a superiority in numbers, both in men and guns, and no doubt is felt but this front as to the outcome.

British in Successful Raid. By the Associated Press.

LONDON, February 19 .- The official statement reads:

"Successful Taids were carried out by us last night in three different sec tors of the front.

"Southeast of Epehy Irish troops entered the enemy's trenches in the neighborhood of Gillemont farm and brought back a few prisoners. "Another successful raid in which

prisoners were captured by us was carried out by Canadian troops south of Lens.

her north Lancashire border an Yorkshire troops raided German posi-tions in the southern portion of Hout-holst forest on a wide front. A large number of the enemy were killed and twenty-seven prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. Our casual-ties were slight."

Germans Driven Off. official statement from British

WANTS PRESIDENT TO NAME THE BOARD

Designed to Create War Finance Corporation.

McADOO'S IDEA OPPOSED

Prospects are bright for the early tion's bill creating the War Finance Corporation to restrict the issue of industrial securities and to aid the financing o furthering the war. It its effect upon private undertakings, investment securities and public and private financing most important war measures of the ses-

tised so widely in the past weeks.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Von Ludendorff appear to have realized that the old methods of attack, in which a long bombardment is employed, are too well known to produce the results desired. Accordingly the German troops are being told that surprise attacks, such as were used in Galicia last summer, at Riga and again on the Isonzo, are to be tried against the allies on the western front.

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Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Persident with the published hearings before the finance committee, secretary McAdoo, in the published hearings before the finance committee, in so nrecord as expressing his willingness to acquiesce in this decision to vest the appointing power in the President with the animal members of the committee knows that his personal preference is to the contrary. In the course of the hearings he engaged in a spirition in the bill for the selection of the members of the board by himself, with

Secretary's Reasons Disclosed.

German Fliers Brought Down.

Ten German airplanes were brought down and six more were disabled by British airmen Sunday, according to an official statement on aerial activities issued last night. Hundreds of bombs have been dropped on various targets, and Monday British aviators raided Treves and Thionville. The statement reads:

"There was fine weather Sunday and the incessant bombing that had been in progress for thirty-six hours continued. More than six tons of bombs were dropped on various targets and airdromes in the neighborhood of Tournai, Lille and Courtrai.

"Again there was severe air fighting, enemy scouts making determined, but unsuccessful, attacks against our bombing machines. Ten hostile machines were downed and six others were disabled. Three of our machines are missing. Sunday night there were further bombs was dropped on the railway. Several burst and a fire was started. All our machines returned.

"Today our bombing squadrons raided by daylight the barracks and railway station at Treves and the steel works and railway station at Treves and the steel works and railway station at Treves and the steel works and railway station at Treves and the steel works and railway station at These retary of the Treasury shall nominate the directors with the President's approval, is to be certain that we will have an organization which will reciprocate thoroughly with the Treasury and its policies. If you were to confer those powers on an independent board in which the Secretary of the Treasury would merely have a vote that board could do things inconsistent with the policy of the Treasury, which are indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and a very unfortunate situation might be produced. We must be sure that the operations of this corporation are in complete harmony with the policies of the Treasury.

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Washington faces a period of rainy The maximum day for January, 1918, weather, according to forecast today was 75,870,000 gallons. The minimum Rain, which froze as it fell, visited daily consumption since July 1, 1917, was 64,600,000 gallons. The average the capital shortly before daybreak. Was 60,670,000 gallons, as against 53,-More is scheduled to fall tonight and 810,000 gallons for the preceding fiscal tomorrow. The temperature will re-main about the same, south winds pre-

vailing. The minimum temperature tributed primarily to increased popu-There will be rain tonight and to-

There will be rain tonight and tomorrow in Atlantic coast districts and
rain or snow in the lake region and
upper Ohio valley, according to the
weather bureau. It will be somewhat
warmer tonight in Atlantic coast districts, but much colder weather will set
in tonight in the upper lake region and
the Ohio valley. Storm warnings have
been displayed on the Atlantic coast
from Delaware breakwater to Eastport.

ARMY DRAFT TREATY SIGNED

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First Official Act of British Ambassador Earl Reading. Signing of the Army draft treaty be-

tween Great Britain and the United States was announced today. The new British ambassador, Earl Reading,



D. C. CAR MEN MAY SOLON LOOPS LOOP WITH BRITISH FLIER

Mr. Overmeyer Shares Thrills of Ride in Clouds With Col. C. F. Lee.

made a long flight over the city to- day. Corps. He is the first member of Con- the terms of the agreement, reached at gress to make a flight with the British the time of the last strike, wage dis-

They ascended to a height of approx- Commissioners, whose ruling will be imately 4,000 feet, remaining in the final. air for half an hour. At times the earth beneath them was lost to sight pany and its employes who are mem-nrough the mist. The machine sped bers of division 689 of the Amalga-

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Considering Action to Obtain Salary Boost. Capital Traction Company employes

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NAVY IN DOUBT AS PETITION INCREASE TO D. C. FLIER'S FATE

Officials Unable to Learn if Albert Sturtevant Was Killed When Plane Fell.



On the day the United States of the war young Sturtevant enlisted in the President a petition bearing thouthe naval reserve. He spent the spring sands of signatures. and summer at the aviation schools at Huntington, L. I., and West Palm Beach, Fla., perfecting himself in the CAPT. CASTLE'S FUNERAL handling of airplanes. He went "over there" in September

and, following a detail of two months in France, was sent to England. His father received a letter from him last week, dated January 30.

His father spent the entire morning endeavoring to get some more definite information from the Navy Department of the accident which befell his son.

EISENMAN STATUS STILL IS MYSTERY LEADERS RUMORED;

Statementsb y War Secretary and Council of National Defense Differ.

LETTER BY GEN. GOETHALS

f Cleveland in relation to the govern-

Upon the heels of a letter written by ecretary of War Baker to Senator harles McKellar of Tennessee, stating that Mr. Eisenman had no connection with the War Department, the Council of National Defense nor with any branch of the government, Julius Rosenwald, chairman of the supplies sec on of the council, today authorized the statement that Mr. Eisenman still s vice chairman of his committee.

Officials of the council, it was understood, were in touch with Secretary Baker's office today, seeking to inform him of this fact. It was stated at the council that because of Secretary Baker's recent absence from the city it had not been possible to bring to his attention the fact that Mr. Eisenman still is serving on the council's committee.

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Mr. Eiseman's status was asked for by members of Congress in connection with the inquiry into the reasons for the discharge of Capt. Arthur A. Pereless, who divulged the operation of the base sorting plant in New York before the Senate military affairs committee. At the recent investigation of the War Department's suppy contracts it had been charged that a brother of a member of the committee on which Mr. Eisenman served had obtained, with others, a monopoly on the rag sorting business for the government at exorbitant prices.

The council further came to 'he defense of Mr. Eisenman by giving out a letter written him by Gen. Goethals, under date of January 24, which said: "When I asked you to accompany me to the base sorting plant in New York on Saturday last it was with the desire of getting at the facts in the situation, a result which could be better accomplished with you present. I must confess that the information I had concerning this establishment gave me a strong impression that it was notha strong impression that it was noth-ing short of a profiteering scheme, and that, while you were not directly con-nected with it, you were responsible for its establishment. From the general trend of talk I heard outside, I gather-

trend of talk I heard outside, I gathered that this same impression had taken hold elsewhere.

"The result of the investigation on Saturday showed how erroneous my information was, and, consequently, the conclusion that I had reached, and I feel sure that others who hold the same opinions that I did would experience a similar gratification to mine upon fearning the true situation.

"Some basis for a contract had to be adopted, and I believe that the one selected was an equitable one at the time the contract was drawn. The sense of fairness of the parties to the contract was clearly displayed in November, when, based on a better knowledge of the costs—developed through experience—they proposed a change, and then again early in December, when they offered to eliminate all profits. An examination of the accounts has unquestionably shown that no benefits have resulted to any of the individuals concerned, either directly or indirectly; that their motives and intent were clearly patriotic, and that no benefits have resulted to any of the individuals concerned, either directly or indirectly; that their motives and intent were clearly patriotic, and that they handled the business efficiently to aid the hard-pressed Ukrainians and "It gives me pleasure to tell you of to protect the food supplies in the new

my gratification at the results disclosed by the investigation and the complete reversal of my original impression. I November. Both Dvinsk and Lutsk have terially benefited through your fore-sight, and that nothing but praise is due you for the work which you have done in this instance."

Reports Declared Untrue.

At the office of the quartermaster general today it was stated that reports that Mr. Eisenman had been serving there were untrue, and that it was not contem-plated that he would be asked to do so. plated that he would be asked to do so.

In the statement authorized by Mr. Rosenwald today it was held that Mr. Eisenman is absent from the city on leave; that he was appointed as vice chairman of the committee by Mr. Rosenwald, and that his resignation would have to be approved by the committee chairman before his connection with the committee is severed.

CLEMENCY FOR RIOTERS

Private Military Service for Airplane Victim at "The Little Church Around the Corner."

5,000 INDIANS ENLIST.

Red Men Also Have Bought \$9,000,000 in Liberty Bonds.

Five thousand Indians have enlisted in the Army or Navy of the United States. Exact figures are not obtainable, but that number is given as a safe estimate by Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, in a letter made public today to the president of the American Indians League in New York city. Commissioner Sells states that Indians have subscribed to more than \$9,000,000 worth of liberty bonds.

NEW YORK, February 19.—Private military 12 announces the bolshewik authorities ordered all the members of the Ukrainian central rada and the Ukrainian delegates to the Breest-Litovsk peace conference, including Chalrman Holubowicz, arrested and tried for treason to the people. Some of the Church of the Berdichev.

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Another of the official agency dispatch at Fort Worth, the Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Shipman, chaplain of the 104th Field Artillery. U. S. A., officiated.

A detachment of the Royal Flying Corps, who was killed in an airplane accident of the Euroscial Authorities ordered all the members of the Ukrainian delegates to the Breest-Litovsk peace conference, including Chalrman Holubowicz, arrested at Kiev, while others for treason to the People Some of the States, while others for the Ukrainian del

FALL OF BOLSHEVIK **ESCAPE TO RIGA**

TWO CENTS.

German Armies Begin New Invasion of Slav Soil-Dvinsk and Lutsk Taken.

UKRAINIANS BEATEN IN FIERCE BATTLES

4,000 Killed, 7,000 Injured in Clashes With Lenine's Forces

LONDON, February 19 .-Russia is now forced to sign peace upon the conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian statement received here today.

The official statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotzky, the foreign minister. It protests against the German resumption of the war, and says the council of people's commissioners is now forced to declare its readiness to sign a peace as dictated by the delegations of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk. It promises to give a detailed reply without delay to the German peace conditions.

BERLIN, February 19, via London. - The official announcement read:

"Eastern war theater: Yesterday evening German troops entered Dvinsk. They met with little resistance. The majority of the enemy had fled. The Russians were not success-

losed country. This is the first military activity on these fronts since late last

> What opposition the Russians can of will offer the Germans is problematical. Although the Russian army has been much weakened by the demobilization order and strife in the ranks, the bolshevik red guards have been successful against the Ukrainians and other opposing forces in southern Russia. A week ago delayed dispatches from Petrograd said the bolshevik leaders were doubtful if Germany would attack, and apparently had no intention to fight the invaders. The food shortage in Great Russia is becoming desperate. The situation in the Ukraine is serious, which may account for Germany's decision to act. Bolshevik troops hold Kiev, the capital, where 4,000 persons were killed and 7,000 injured in several days of heavy fighting, and bolshevik adherents are destroying railroads and food supplies. In Odessa also there has been fighting. much weakened by the demobilization

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was also requested. Rev. F. A. Cullen, as spokesman, placed in the hands of the President a petition bearing thousands of signatures.

CAPT. CASTLE'S FUNERAL—

IS HELD IN NEW YORK

The screw expected to make the bolsheviki grant submissively what Germany wants or will be followed by serious military operations. In any case the action is denounced as mere sharp practice, though it also is regarded as the inevitable consequence of the amazing chaos to which Russia has been reduced through the lack of a leader strong enough to guide the revolutionary outburst.

Ukraine Leaders Held.

Further belated dispatches from Petrograd received today give additional details of recent happenings in

Russia.

An official news agency dispatch dated February 12 announces the bol-

Wheatless Wednesday

Tomorrow Is

by the weather bureau.

since last midnight was 30 degrees.